

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listing of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) An information display method for displaying information about a plurality of users registered in a server, on a terminal of a specific user of the plurality of users, via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

transferring registration information about the plurality of users from the server to the terminal of the user; and

displaying at least one graphical model within a virtual space on the terminal of said specific user, each of said at least one graphical model being associated with a respective one of said plurality of users and including at least one graphical figure representing an item of interest and being associated with an interest level of said respective one user in the at least one item, the display of said model being responsive to registration information of said respective one user and to registration information of said specific user, and the display of each of said at least one figure being responsive to a comparison of registration information of said respective one user relating to said interest level in said item and to registration information of said specific user relating to said interest level in said item.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

5. (Previously presented) The information display method according to claim 1, wherein the registration information about the plurality of users is retrieved according to predetermined extraction conditions set by the specific user so that a user satisfying the extraction conditions is extracted.

6. (Previously presented) The information display method according to claim 5, wherein the model corresponding to an extracted user is displayed, and the model corresponding to an unextracted user is not displayed.

7. (Previously presented) The information display method according to claim 5, wherein the information about at least one extracted user are displayed as a list.

8. (Previously presented) The information display method according to claim 5, wherein the specific user is able to set the extraction conditions in the case where the specific user has in advance a specified permission from a manager of the server.

9. (Previously presented) The information display method according to claim 5, wherein the specific user is able to set the extraction conditions in the case where the specific user has in advance a permission of sales activities within the virtual space from the manager of the server.

10. (Previously presented) The information display method according to claim 5, wherein the manager of the server charges to the specific user for the setting of the extraction conditions by the specific user.

11. (Previously presented) The information display method according to claim 5, wherein an extracted user is able to charge to another user communicating with the extracted user within the virtual space.

12. (Previously presented) The information display method according to claim 7, wherein the extracted user is able to charge to the specific user for displaying the list including the information of the extracted user.

13. (Currently amended) An information display system comprising:

a server for registering information about a plurality of users, and at least one terminal connected to the server via a network, the terminal being of a specific user of the plurality of users for displaying models responsive to registration information about the plurality of users,

wherein the server transfers the information about the plurality of users to the terminal of the user, and the terminal of the user displays at least one graphical model within a virtual space on the terminal of said specific user, each of said at least one graphical model being associated with a respective one of said plurality of users and including at least one graphical figure representing an item of interest and being associated with an interest level of said respective one user in the ~~at least one~~ item, the display of said model being responsive to registration information of said respective one user and to registration information of said specific user, and the display of each of said at least one figure being responsive to a comparison of registration information of said respective one user relating to said interest level in said item and to registration information of said specific user relating to said interest level in said item.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A game method for communicating via a network with a virtual character presented by a server, the method comprising the steps of:

preparing parameters of each of a plurality of users communicating with the virtual character, wherein the parameters about each user includes a file for describing a graphical model having at least one graphical figure of an item of interest in place of each user within a virtual space shared by the plurality of users, and the virtual space where the model corresponding to each user exists is displayed at the terminal of the user, and wherein the parameters about each user includes an interest level of each user

in ~~the at least one~~ item, the display of said at least one figure being responsive to parameters of said user relating to said interest level in said at least one item; and

varying the parameters of each user depending on the progress of communication of each user with the virtual character, wherein said virtual character has information about each of said plurality of users; and

informing each user of a response from the virtual character corresponding to the parameters by an electronic mail at a predetermined timing.

16. (Cancelled).